

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
JUNE 19, 2007**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

Consideration of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept increased funding for the 2007-08 Underground Storage Tank grant and to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

DISCUSSION

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is offering an amount up to \$1,000,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) in additional federal fiscal year (FFY) 2008 funds for the last year of the current three-year Underground Storage Tank (UST) grant. The purpose of this added funding is to promote implementation of the UST provisions of the 2005 Energy Act, including: compliance and enforcement for government-owned tanks; secondary containment construction and monitoring requirements; public access through the Internet to UST and leaking underground storage tank (LUST) summary data; and UST inspector and technician training requirements. A new Board resolution is needed to allow the UST Program to accept these anticipated additional federal funds.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to accept the additional FFY 2007-08 UST grant funds from U. S. EPA and to execute a Cooperative Agreement with U.S. EPA?

FISCAL IMPACT

An amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in Federal UST grant funds will be made available for FFY 2007-08. This amount is in addition to the federal UST grant funds the State Water Board already expects and is authorized to receive for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. There is a 25 percent state match requirement that will be funded out of the Unified Program Account.

RWQCB IMPACT

The State Water Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards' staff work associated with or resulting from this action can be accomplished within budgeted resources.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept the additional UST funds from U.S. EPA and to execute a Cooperative Agreement with U.S. EPA.

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUNDING FROM AND EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 9

WHEREAS:

1. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) is offering the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) up to \$1,000,000 in additional funding for the 2008 federal fiscal year (FFY) to fund implementation of 2005 Energy Act provisions related to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program; and
2. The additional funds will augment both the current UST grant and the State UST Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept the additional UST funds; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Cooperative Agreement with U. S. EPA that includes the additional funds.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 19, 2007.

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Clerk to the Board

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